

# RIGID PROSECUTIONS TO FOLLOW BREAKING OF PROHIBITION ACT

COMMISSIONER ROPER SAYS OFFENDERS WILL BE PUNISHED TO EXTENT OF LAW WITHOUT REGARD FOR ACTION TAKEN BY ANY OF STATES.

Washington, Feb. 28.—All persons found violating the federal prohibition enforcement act will be proceeded against to the "limit of the law," irrespective of any state statutes legalizing the sale of liquors, it was announced today by Commissioner Roper of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Mr. Roper's ruling resulted from the bill now pending before the New Jersey legislature legalizing the sale and manufacture of beer containing 3.2 per cent. of alcohol.

"The bureau of internal revenue is charged with the enforcement of the national prohibition act," he said. "It definitely prohibits the manufacture and sale for beverage purposes of all liquors containing half of one per cent. or more of alcohol by volume. This being the case, the manufacture and sale of 3.2 per cent. beer, which is permitted by the bill in the New Jersey legislature, is in direct violation of the federal statute. All persons, therefore, who are found guilty of this violation of the federal statute will be proceeded against to the limit of the law."

## TO ELECT A CONGRESS TO KILL TRUSTS

Farmer-Labor Congressional Committee Has Been Formed

Washington, Feb. 28.—Formation of a "farmer-labor congressional committee," which will assist in electing a congress "responsible to the people, which will make the transportation trust, the food trust and the money trust the servants of the people instead of the masters of the people," and restore the "constitutional rights of freedom of decision" was announced here by George P. Hampton, managing director of the Farmers' National Council. Mr. Hampton is chairman and Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is vice president of the committee.

The personnel of the committee, the appointment of which was authorized at the recent farmer-labor meeting in Chicago, will be announced in full but will be announced soon, Mr. Hampton said. Among those already selected are a majority of the heads of various railway employees' organizations and the heads of national and state farmers' and labor organizations. Headquarters have been established here.

## MARSHAL HAS WARRANT FOR JACK DEMPSEY

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 28.—Warrants for the arrest of William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey, heavyweight pugilist champion of the world, and Jack Kearns, his manager, were in the hands of the United States marshal today.

An indictment charging Dempsey and Kearns with conspiring to evade the selective draft law was returned by the federal grand jury yesterday. A second indictment returned at the same time charged that Dempsey actually evaded the law.

When and where the warrants would be served had not been announced early today. Dempsey and Kearns were in Los Angeles last night and Kearns was quoted as saying they had made no plans for coming to San Francisco.

"I am glad the indictments have been filed because it means Jack and I will have an opportunity to vindicate ourselves and put an end to the gossip about us which has been in circulation for the last few weeks," Kearns said.

Dempsey was charged with having falsely stated to the draft board that his wife had lived with him for 18 months previous to his appearance before the board and that his parents and a widowed sister had made their home with him for four years.

PREMIER BORDEN AT NEW YORK

Halifax, Feb. 28.—Premier Sir Robert Borden, who has been temporarily relieved of his duties because of ill health, arrived here from Liverpool on the steamship Carmania today on his way to New York, where he is to meet Lady Borden who will accompany him on a trip to the United States. He declared that he felt much better as a result of his trip to England, but was unable to say when he would return to Canada to resume his official duties.

LAST CALL FOR ENTRIES

New York, Feb. 28.—Contest officials of the Aero Club of America issued today a "last call" for entries for the \$50,000 prize offered by Thomas H. Ince for the first trans-Pacific air flight. To date, not a single entry has been received, it was stated, owing to the inability of would-be contestants to obtain suitable airplanes. The time limit for entries expires on March 1.

## SEEKS 50,000 TONS OF STEEL MAKING IRON

New York, Feb. 28.—Belgium is seeking 50,000 tons of American steel making iron. It was learned here today, but American iron makers are paying little attention to this and similar inquiries from Europe because of their inability to meet domestic demands. The iron and coke shortage, caused by rail and weather conditions, has greatly reduced output and some foundries are reported on the verge of suspension.

## REDDING

Redding, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Ezekiel Burr died at her home in West Redding on Sunday morning from pneumonia after an illness of about two weeks. Her age was 75 years. During the war she was one of the most active and efficient members of her branch of the Red Cross, having a special dexterity in the making of bandages. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Dobson yesterday at the residence of C. D. Meeker, a neighbor. Owing to adverse conditions caused by the severe weather burial will be at the convenience of the family. August Brunessen, brother of the late Mrs. Burr, and also a sister, are now critically ill with pneumonia.

The concluding session of the board of relief held on Saturday last, was a lonesome one, being unrelieved by the attendance of a single complaining taxpayer. Messrs. Banks and Hazen, the members of the board present, deferred action on the appeal of a dozen appeals that have been heard in order that W. C. Sanford, absent on account of illness, might be given opportunity for a voice in the decisions. The outcome of their counsels will probably be a change of not more than \$100 in the grand list as made up by the assessors.

The Putnam Park road is again open for travel, having been cleared of drifts partly by the trunk line construction force remaining on the ground, and partly by a snow machine. The road is now open for travel, but the snow machine work on the latter road as a needless expense because the opening of the other route would have sufficed. It would as regards through traffic, but in the Sunset Hill section there are quite a group of residents representing important farming and other interests and six of this number could have secured a little of the snow embargo by a petition to the Selectmen as provided by statute. Besides it is a mail route and for the selectmen to have left it snow bound would have forced to have exposed them to deserved criticism and ridicule.

The dramatic performance to be given by Sanford school pupils on Saturday evening, will take place in the school auditorium. The play, "A Night at an Inn," is made up of Messrs. Crenshaw, Benley, Carr, D. S. Sanford, Jr., Hargerty, Deal, Wirth and Fall. For "The Last Silk Hat" the players will be Sheffield, Burdette, Williams, Hall and Sanford. Both pieces are by Dunsaney, the Irish playwright whose work possesses a highly distinctive style. The program of the entertainment is to go towards the support of the Community House.

The first of the weekly meetings which the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of the Episcopal church will hold during Lent took place at the Community House on Wednesday afternoon of last week with a half hour's talk by the rector on mission work as a feature of the proceedings. These meetings are open to the public.

Mrs. Sarah Buchanan, now occupying the Henry Rogers place, has rented the place in West Redding owned by Mrs. McKenize of Bethel with an option to purchase.

Among the former Redding residents who returned for a visit to their families over the last few days, were: Eleanor Sanford, Howard Luther, Helen and Maud Boddie and Douglas Boddie.

The local visitation of influenza appears to have passed, no new cases having appeared in the last few days. Neither of the two cases of pneumonia elsewhere referred to were preceded by influenza.

Mrs. Heggman will occupy her place in Pleasant Valley during the coming summer. The Freshman family, who were in the home owned by the Fox and Waterman house for next summer.

The Ridge whist club meet on Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rider are moving from the house owned by Mrs. Howard in West Redding to the James Rider place.

Esra B. Meeker, who died at his home in Monroe last week, aged 36, leaving a widow and three children. He was a resident of the town of West Redding, occupying what is now the Williams house. He moved from there to Monroe about half a century ago. One of the children of George P. Williams of Lonsdale was taken down with measles a few days ago. So far there has been no spread of the infection from the patient.

Mrs. George Banks of Bridgeport is making a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Stephen Sanford, at West Redding.

A regular meeting of Fire Co., No. 1, will be held at the Community House next Monday evening.

The Lenten number of the Church's Church Messenger contains complete information regarding the missionary extension work which has been planned and only awaits the endorsement of a vote by the members of the parish. The members of the church will be asked to give their approval of the vestry, the Archdeacon and Bishop Brewster. The proposed field of the work are the neighborhoods of Weston and Easton. Appended extracts from the article in question:

"On Jan. 19th the rector was elected Archdeacon missionary, an office he was seeking with the endorsement of the vestry, for his successor in this parish. The work of 'Missionary' was undefined, except that he was to try to carry the services and ministrations of the Church in the rural sections of the Archdeaconry, using his parish as the headquarters of the movement and gradually to work out

## General R. R. Strike Ordered

Work Resumed On French Roads Only By Order Of Executive Committee

CALL CABINET MEETING TONIGHT

Paris, Feb. 28.—Orders for a general railroad strike have been issued by the National Federation of Railroadmen. Reports were current last night that this action had been taken, but confirmation could not be obtained until late today.

"Owing to the attack by the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean railroad company on the executive committee of the strike order begins," the railroaders of that system and of the Paris region, influenced by solidarity and dignity, have begun a movement of protest which is spreading hourly.

"The executive committee of the federation," the order continued, "after exhausting all means of conciliation and meeting with an obstinate and uncompromising spirit on the part of the management of the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean railroad, the minister of public works and the premier as regards obtaining a suspension of punishments while awaiting arbitration of incidents, has decided to call for the cessation of work on all systems."

The order ends in advising that greatest calm be preserved, that all provocation be avoided and that all measures be taken to assure safety. Direction is also given that no damage be done.

"Work will not be resumed except by order of the executive committee" is the concluding sentence of the order.

A cabinet meeting has been called for tonight.

## ASK EMPLOYEES TO HELP CLEAR OUT R. R. YARDS

N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. Handicapped by Lack of Freight Cars.

Boston, Feb. 28.—Industrial establishments were asked to divert the energies of their employees to digging out railroad yards and junction points in New England where thousands of cars have been stalled by snow. The employees of the Boston and Maine railroad, who conferred here, said the situation was the worst in history. Many plants have had to shut down because of fuel shortages and others will be forced to close early next week unless traffic conditions are improved. The question of food supplies is also a serious one in some sections.

Freight houses on the Boston and Maine Railroad were closed last night and the employees were sent out to help the track-clearing crews. It was announced that only perishable materials, foodstuffs and fuel would be handled by the road. President John R. Macomber of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, after conference with railroad officials, sent out a call for the industries nearest the congested lines of the railroads to send 3,500 men to supplement the railroad workers.

President Macomber said that New England faced conditions which, unless quickly remedied, threatened to stifle its industrial life. The railroads, he said, could clear the main lines, but assistance could be obtained in the freight yards and at the junction points.

Notwithstanding the clear weather since Wednesday, when five inches of snow fell in northern New England, the railroads have had difficulty which increased hourly. No attempt has been made to maintain schedules on the Boston and Maine railroad, where drifting snow has blocked lines again after they were cleared. Many trains were cancelled yesterday and many branch lines in the rural districts were suspended.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, while maintaining a nearly regular passenger schedule has been handicapped by the lack of freight cars. One of the road's main lines, the New York and New Haven, is filled with empty, were stalled on the sidings and at the junctions and that they had been able only to keep the main lines clear.

Madrid, Feb. 27.—Spanish troops have again clashed with revolting tribesmen in the military zone of Morocco, according to dispatches from Ceuta, which say the Spanish forces escaped without loss.

from that center. The parish authorities of St. John's, Washington, Conn., to which the rector had accepted a call for good reasons, has been asked by the Bishop and the Archdeacon to release the rector from his acceptance of their call. Supposing that the call is endorsed by the parish, the rector will aid the rector in establishing services regularly in schoolhouses or cottages in the neighborhood of this parish. As the work extends in all probability there will be six or seven services held every Sunday at various points. Obviously the rector cannot carry these alone and therefore will call upon his people to help in laymen and Sunday school teaching and calling. Many have already expressed their entire willingness to help in any way they can."

The article goes on to say that this does not mean that the parish will be neglected and the rector away a good deal of the time. The services and necessary work will be carried on as usual. As for expenses the people of this parish will not be asked to do any more than they are now doing.

## PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO ANSWER SOON

Washington, Feb. 28.—An early reply is expected to be made by President Wilson to the latest note on the Adriatic situation from the Premiers of Great Britain and France.

"Official circles expressed no surprise that the premier, in indicating in press summaries of the communication, had asked President Wilson to join them in suggesting that Italy and Yugoslavia attempt to reach an agreement between themselves on the basis of the withdrawal of all previous understanding."

CLAIMS WIFE SIGNED AWAY HIS PROPERTY

Transferred Land Without Receiving Compensation.

Alleging that his wife conveyed property in Stratford to her mother in order to defraud him, Arthur Butterworth of Stratford started proceedings in the Superior court today to have the conveyance from Nora Hart Butterworth to Annie Hart set aside. Butterworth says his wife transferred this property without receiving anything in return.

The property in dispute is located on Highland avenue extension and Butterworth says he saved his money to buy the plot. He claims he permitted Mrs. Butterworth to take the title in her name with the understanding that she would convey it to her husband upon request.

Mrs. Butterworth conveyed the property to her mother, the husband claims, and when he demanded a conveyance of his land his wife refused to grant it.

The trouble about the property followed the matrimonial difficulties of the Butterworths. The husband has just brought divorce proceedings against Nora Hart Butterworth, alleging intolerable cruelty. The couple were married April 11, 1915, and have three children. Papers in both actions were filed today in the Superior court.

HUNGARIANS PROTEST ACTION OF RUMANIANS

Ask Immediate Attention of Supreme Council.

Paris, Feb. 27.—Strong protests against "arbitrary action of the Rumanian military authorities in Transylvania" have been sent to the supreme allied council in London by the Rumanian government here. Immediate attention of the council to the situation is demanded.

"We have just received from our government," the note says, "a telegram from which we transmit the following extract:

"At Marosvásarhely, Rumanians have arrested Andreu Urgan and a man named Paterban for having given pecuniary aid and support to public officials dismissed from office by Rumanians because they would not take the oath of allegiance," says the note. "The pretext given for the arrests is that a military conspiracy was contemplated. The persecution of Magyar has assumed incredible dimensions. Major Boros and Stephen and Alexander Morio, bank directors, have been arrested. Dr. Deak, Lieutenant Veres is being detained at Nagyland."

"Two more death sentences have been pronounced at Kolozsar on two Hungarian reserve officers. Enormous resentment prevails among the Hungarians, and it is feared they will act against Rumania on their responsibility. An entente mission should be sent without fail to Transylvania, since, as a result of British intervention there, the Rumanians are preparing to treat brutally the church dignitaries as well as other distinguished Transylvanians which imagine know have applied to foreign countries for protection against the atrocities of the Rumanians."

"This communication speaks for itself. The work of peace is in serious danger. We are doing our best to bring our part of it to a conclusion on terms which, while taking into account to the largest extent the right of victory and the claims founded on it, would still make it possible for our country to live."

## GET BURGLAR WHO ENTERED POLI'S HOME

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 28.—William H. Griffin, who in a written statement gave his home as Bridgeport, was arrested in Woodmont today, charged with having broken into Villa Rosa, the seaside home of Sylvester Z. Poli. A suit case containing \$500 worth of articles belonging to members of Mr. Poli's family was taken. He is locked up in Milford. Mr. and Mrs. Poli are at Palm Beach.

WARRANT FOR FALLON'S ARREST

New York, Feb. 28.—William J. Fallon, counsel for Nicholas Arnstein, a fugitive, who is accused of being the brains behind the theft of millions of dollars worth of securities, today failed to appear in subpoena against Arnstein, and application was made for a warrant for his arrest.

## FORMER AMERICAN CONSUL IN MEXICO KILLED BY BANDITS

MORRILL SHOT WHILE ON WAY TO HIS HOME IN COLIMA—WAS 88 YEARS OF AGE—MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ASKED TO ACT.

## ROPER'S FORMAL RESIGNATION TO COME MARCH 15

Successor Must Collect \$6,000,000,000 in Taxes This Year.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Resignation of Daniel C. Roper, as Commissioner of Internal Revenue, will leave vacant one of the most important posts in the government.

Mr. Roper's intention to leave the bureau of internal revenue, which he has expanded for the collection of war taxes until it is perhaps the greatest tax collecting agency in the world, has been made known to officials here, but his formal resignation will not be tendered until after the first installment of excess profit and income taxes for 1919 is paid March 15. He has not announced his future plans.

The man who succeeds Mr. Roper will have the task, not only of collecting \$6,000,000,000 in taxes this year, but also of enforcing the nation-wide prohibition law. While President Wilson is known to have the prospective appointment under consideration there has been no intimation of who will be named for the post.

## INFANT DEATH RATE IS LOWER THAN IN 1918

Expect Final Figures Will Show 89 Deaths Per Thousand

The infant mortality rate in Bridgeport for the past year as announced today by Dr. Walter H. Brown, health officer, is 89 per 1,000. These figures are preliminary but the final death rate among infants will closely approximate this. The approximate infant mortality rate for the state last year was 87.2 per 1,000.

The highest infant mortality rate in the history of the city since these figures have been compiled was in 1909 when the rate was 142. The lowest rate was in 1917 when it was 83.2. In 1918 the rate was 94.5, being largely influenced by the epidemic of influenza.

The still births last year also showed a remarkable drop, being due mostly to better and more efficient medical care given the mothers. Last year the number of still births was 142 compared with 236 for 1918.

In all last year there were 4,509 births and 402 deaths among infants. The number of births in 1918 was 4,330. The number of marriages last year was 1,618 and in 1918, 1,449. The total number of deaths last year was 1,974 and the year previous, 2,391.

Influenza, last year, according to Dr. Brown's statement, did not make as much difference in the infant mortality rate as it did the year previous, although the rate is noticeably higher during the epidemic months than in others. The lowering of the infant mortality rate here is attributed by the Health Officer to the infant welfare work instituted within the past year or two and being enlarged constantly.

## BUFFALO BILL'S NAME TO GO ON FREIGHTER

New York, Feb. 28.—The name of the late William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) last of the great scouts and plainsmen, will be borne by a huge freight vessel now building for the United States Shipping Board at Hog Island, despite a policy of the club to name no ships after persons.

The Rocky Mountain club announced today that through the co-operation of Representative Mondell, Wyoming Republican leader in the House, the Shipping Board had been persuaded to name a freighter "Cody." Technically, the vessel will be named in honor of the town of Cody, Wyoming. The town, however, was named in honor of Buffalo Bill.

A. S. MAY, TREASURER.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 28.—Clinton L. Bardo, general manager of the New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R., was elected president of the Central New England R. R. today. The latter is a subsidiary of the New Haven. A. S. May was elected treasurer, and Arthur E. Clark, secretary. Bardo and the like officers in the New Haven. The vice presidents are Mr. Buckland, Benjamin Pearson and Benjamin Campbell of the New Haven road. The meeting completed reorganization of the company in order to receive the property from the federal government.

FACTORY PRODUCTS HELD UP

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 28.—Thousands of tons of finished products of Hartford factories aggregating hundreds of thousands of dollars in value are being held up from shipment because of transportation difficulties, was the statement made today.

The concern says 75 percent of its production is thus affected. One of the big typewriter companies put their figure at 75 per cent.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Augustus Morrill, formerly American Consul at Manzanillo, Mexico, was killed by Mexican bandits February 26. The present consul at Manzanillo, in reporting the killing to the state department, said Morrill was attacked while on his way to the Hacienda El Balcon, three miles from Colima, where he lived.

In a fusillade of pistol shots he received two wounds. The American embassy at Mexico City has been instructed to make urgent representations to the Mexican government looking to the arrest and punishment of the murderers and the American consulate at Manzanillo has been instructed to make similar representations to the local Mexican authorities.

Mr. Morrill was 88 years old. He is survived by his widow and several children. He was appointed vice consul of the United States at Manzanillo on January 26, 1919, and was made consul at the same place on August 5, 1917. He retired from the consular service in 1911.

## PHILLIPS LEFT HIS MONEY TO HIS SECRETARY

Former Resident of City Forgets Only Relative.

Walter P. Phillips, a newspaper man and inventor, who died recently at Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard, left his entire fortune to Miss Frances Wood of Bar Harbor, who had helped him in his newspaper work. The estate is valued at \$100,000.

The deceased is well known in this city where he resided for about 15 years. While here he had charge of the printing department at the plant of the Columbia Graphophone Co. He was the inventor of the Phillips Telegraph Code and of recent years had been blind.

Miss Wood, who was graduated from the University of Maine in 1907, went to Oak Bluffs to teach and shortly afterward met the deceased and offered to help him through the brush of his blindness. He accepted her as secretary at a good salary and on his death left her the entire estate.

He is survived by the widow of his son, Albert Phillips, who was a newspaper man in New York City. It is believed that there will be a contest of the will.

## AIR SERVICE ACCEPTS NEW AIRPLANE GUN

New York, Feb. 28.—Acceptance by the army air service of an airplane motor which, while driving a plane in flight, automatically shoots in rapid succession shells one and one-half inches in diameter and weighing a pound was announced here today by the Manufacturers' Aircraft Association. The airplane cannon, which is of Wright-Hispano design, was built to pierce armored airplanes, tanks, submarines and dirigibles.

The motor is a modification of those used in the war. Unlike the airplane machine guns, which shoot through the propeller blades, the airplane cannon is arranged inside the propeller shaft and shoots through the hub of the propeller. Two machine guns are attached to and synchronized with the motor for use in cases where the heavier shots would be unnecessary.

## GOV. EDWARDS GIVES PERSHING WARM GREETING

Camp Dix, N. J., Feb. 28.—Welcome to New Jersey by Governor Edwards as the "exemplification of the fighting spirit, the Organization business brains and the masterful generalship of the American people in the great war against barbarism and autocracy." General John J. Pershing, accompanied by his staff, arrived here from New York today for an official inspection of the army post. He was received by Major General Harry C. Hale, commander of the camp, and his staff.

GEORGE E. COOK DEAD.

Torrington, Conn., Feb. 28.—George E. Cook, who for many years was prominent in town affairs in Torrington and Torrington, serving in many public offices, died here early today after a protracted illness of heart disease. Mr. Cook was 77 years old, a native of Torrington. His ancestors came to Connecticut in 1630. He represented Torrington in the legislature of 1879.

JAPANESE DIET DISSOLVES.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Japanese diet has been dissolved by imperial decree as a result of a profound difference of opinion between the cabinet and the majority parties in the diet regarding the extension of the franchise.